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(Natural Resource related items)

- **Weir Closure announced.** In a cooperative move, the Natural Resource Commission agreed to honor the request from the State DNR to restrict tribal bow and spear fishing 300' either side of the weir in the Little Manistee River between the dates of September 1st and December 1st, 2007. This is to aid in studying the fish population and management of this natural resource. (NRC)

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Tribal Court/Champagne.** Chief Justice Dan Bailey brought two charges against Justice Ryan Champagne which represents "grounds for removal!" Champagne, via conference call, rebutted the charges. The three judge panel of the Honorable Jurists Petoskey, Gibson and Sherigan has taken the arguments under consideration.
- **Tribal Ogema v. Tribal Council.** In Case No. 07091GC, the court ruled for the Ogema and affirmed the 'authority to hire and fire' as a 'part of the executive function.' This case stemmed from an effort by Tribal Council to terminate a specific employee by eliminating funding for their position.
- **Tribal Council v. Tribal Ogema.** In Case No. 07-085-GC, the court ruled against Tribal Council and affirmed the right of the Tribal Ogema, per the Constitution, to 'give the tribal executive authority to initiate...contracts'. This pertained to an attempt by Tribal Council to appoint a specific person or business as the 'agent of record' for the Tribe bypassing the Executive branch.
- **Tribal Council & Gaming Commission v. Tribal Ogema.** In Case No. 07103GC, the Court ruled against the Office of the Ogema in regard to a case originally filed by Ogema Wilson dealing with the Executive power to 'pardon.' In the ruling, Judge Bailey stated that, "only the Tribal Constitution can grant the power to pardon" and that the Constitution is "silent on the power to pardon" thus denying the Ogema the authority to pardon.

(Cultural related items)

- **Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp.** The camp this year is at the Clear Lake Camp starting Sunday August 19th and ends on Thursday the 23rd. Round trip is 585 miles to the camp in Sault Ste. Marie. See below for a map to the camp. Contact Yvonne Parsons in Education for more information.
- **Elders Conference/Membership Meeting Dates.** The Tribal Elders Coming Home Conference will be held on the 6th and 7th of October. The 6th is also the Tribal Membership Fall Meeting. The Saturday Membership meeting

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will be held in the new Event Center and the Sunday Elders Conference will be in the Three Fires Conference Center. For information on the Elders Conference contact June Sam at 1.888.723.8288 ext. 6709.

(General area items)

- **Employee Appreciation Day Picnic** held at the County Fairgrounds in Onkama for all employees of the tribal government and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This is the second year where a joint employee appreciation day has been held to thank all employees for their work and contribution to our success.

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